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Traces on CARAVEL

REFERENCE: EOLIA-102496 (not to DS, copy of 1952 DS trace to AFV)

1. Thank you for calling reference again to my attention.
2. I understand that the subject was discussed previously with CARAVEL by []

3. In connection with certain personnel changes in the Interior Ministry and the SKA, I had the opportunity to interject into a recent conversation with CARAVEL the existence of derogatory information on him, and I raised the question to what extent his current prominence might give rise to the exploitation of such information.

4. CARAVEL said that he knew of the existence of the derogatory "I" trace (of course, I knew that he knew) and that he felt that the trace was so inaccurate that no attention would be paid to it. CARAVEL mentioned the following as examples of such inaccuracy as to raise doubts about the basic reliability of the report in the mind of an unbiased person:

a. The report claims that CARAVEL was with the Geheime Feldpolizei. Actually he was always Kripo attached to Abwehr.

b. Reportedly CARAVEL disappeared in 1941. Actually, 1943.

c. Report claims CARAVEL stationed in 1939 in Berlin or Freital. Actually, Karlsruhe.

d. Report claims CARAVEL was in military service on the Western Front. Actually, he had no military service.

e. Report claims CARAVEL served with the French resistance and had the rank of captain or major. No association with the French ever existed.

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F. Report claims CARAVEL's wife comes from Westerwald where her parents have a household furnishing business. Actually, his wife comes from Hamburg where her father has been (and still is) an executive of a large insurance concern for the past twenty-six years.

G. Report claims CARAVEL made several trips to Berlin in the post-war period on behalf of the Americans. Actually, CARAVEL made no post-war trip to Berlin until 1952 and then on behalf of his present organization.

5. In conclusion, CARAVEL feels that this particular derogatory trace is not dangerous and he mentioned that he has had three promotions since it was first submitted. However, he is aware of the possibility that one of these days the trace might be dusted off and produced for political purposes. He is prepared for that eventuality and he is confident that he can give an effective answer to whatever accusations might be levelled against him.

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